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ABSTRACT

This collection of scholarly essays marks the centenary of the Workers' Educational Association (WEA), the largest voluntary provider of adult education in the United Kingdom. The chapters are as follows: "Introduction" (Roberts); "The WEA The Foundation and the Founder" (Jennings); "Battersea and the Formation of the Workers' Educational Association" (Creighton); "The First Students in the Workers' Educational Association: Individual Enlightenment and Collective Advance" (Goldman); "R. H. Tawney and the WEA" (Rusoff); "The Evolution of the WEA in the West Midlands, 1905-26" (Roberts); "The Friends and Enemies of the WEA" (Jennings); "'A Hard Rain's A-gonna Fall': The National Association and Internationalism 1918-39" (Atkins); "Survival, Growth and Retreat: The WEA in Wartime, 1939-45" (Field); "Unions, Adult Education and Post-war Citizenship: The WEA and the Construction of Trade Union Education" (Holford); "Ideology and Provision: The WEA and the Politics of Workers' Education in Early Twentieth-century Scotland" (Duncan); "The WEA and Workers' Education in Early Twentieth-century Wales" (Lewis); "Women's Involvement in the WEA and Women's Education" (Munby); "Literature, Cultural Studies and the WEA" (Tatton); "From Day Release to Lifelong Learning: Workplace Education and the WEA after 1964" (Caldwell, Roberts); "WEA Values in the Twenty-first Century" (Jones). Contains a chronology of the WEA and a section entitled "WEA Voices." All articles include substantial references. (MO)

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